



EAGLE SCHOOL

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EAGLE School of Madison is an independent school dedicated to serving the educational needs of gifted and talented children, kindergarten through eighth grade, in the greater Madison area.

Looking Ahead

T	12/8	EPO Meeting, Commons, 8:30 am
W	12/9	3/4, 6/7, & 7/8 Winter Choral Concert, Auditorium, 6:30 pm
R	12/10	Prospect Visit for Kindergarten, 8:30 am
F	12/11	Quiznos lunch TGIF: Market Day
Sa	12/12	EAGLE Book Fair at Barnes & Noble, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
M	12/14	Prospect Visit for Kindergarten, 8:30 am
W	12/16	Culver's lunch Band & Strings Concert, Auditorium, 6:30 pm
F	12/18	January lunch orders due Ugly Sweater Day TGIF: Clubs
M-T	12/21-1/5	 Winter Break
W	1/6	School resumes



Teachers Reveal Wishes

In keeping with the merriment of the season, parents often ask what they might give a special teacher for a holiday gift. To make shopping a little easier, we are forwarding with this newsletter our 2015 Staff Wish List. The items on the list can be ordered through our catalogs. If you wish to purchase (or contribute toward) one of these items for a staff member, please notify Wade in the main office and drop off your check or cash contribution. If you decide to purchase something from the wish list on your own, please let us know what you've chosen so as to avoid duplication. **Please know that donating in this way is strictly voluntary and certainly not expected!**

Also, if you are planning year-end donations to charitable organizations, please keep our scholarship fund and/or general fund in mind. Because we are a non-profit organization under the federal 501(c)(3) codes, donations to the school are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



EAGLE Book Fair at Barnes & Noble West

Please come on **Saturday, Dec. 12**, to this EAGLE fun(d)raiser, sponsored by the EPO, to benefit EAGLE's library. A percentage of ALL Barnes & Noble in-store purchases that day (9:00 AM to 10:00 PM) made with EAGLE **voucher no. 11596608** will benefit the EAGLE library. (See voucher attachment.) Qualifying purchases include books, accessories, CD's/DVD's, café food, candy, etc. Online Barnes & Noble shopping will also benefit EAGLE (using the same voucher no.) on Sunday, Dec. 13, through Saturday, Dec. 19, so **please share the voucher no.** with extended family, neighbors, and friends.

Family-friendly activities from noon to 7:00 PM will take place in the upstairs rear of the store and will include a craft table, a Lego table, and performances by EAGLE students in Irish Dance, Strings, Band, and Pitch Perfect. There will also be an **encore performance** of selected songs from last year's 7/8 musical, Les Miserables, performed by EAGLE alumni and current EAGLE students. (Please see the attached flyer for times and details related to Book Fair activities/performance.)

EAGLE volunteers will also be **gift wrapping from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM** for Barnes & Noble, with donations going to the non-profit organization, "We Need Diverse Books."

Would you like to help with book fair? Watch for an email from unit parents about volunteering.



Please Label Your Checks

When submitting a payment to the Reception Office, please be sure to indicate what your check is for by making a notation on the Memo line in the bottom left hand corner. **Checks for hot lunch should include your order number.**

Market Day Reminder

EAGLE's annual Market Day is next Friday, Dec. 11, beginning at 2:00 PM. Students who are planning to sell their creative products or provide entertainment should be preparing for the festivities. Come one, come all--parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors, to EAGLE School's Market Day!



Second Semester Tuition Payment Due

If you are paying tuition under the Semester Payment Plan, your second installment is due by Jan. 1, 2016. (Tuition notices were mailed on Thursday.) You may mail a check or stop in the office before Dec. 18 to pay in person.

Tax Deduction for Private School Tuition

Did you know that Wisconsin offers a tax break for parents with children in private schools? The tax deduction, which began in the 2014 tax year, allows families to deduct up to \$4,000 for tuition paid for dependent children in grades K-8, and up to \$10,000 for high school students. For more information, please visit <http://www.wcris.org/tuitiontaxdeduction.cfm> (EAGLE tax ID is 39-1413598). **Parents, please note that tuition receipts for the 2015 calendar year will be sent home with semester reports in January.**

EAGLE Enrollment 2016

If you have a child who you would like to enroll at EAGLE for the first time next fall, please note that the priority application deadline for siblings and prospective kindergarten students is February 1, 2016. In order to submit a complete application packet by the deadline, **we encourage you to schedule an appointment to have your child tested (IQ) in December or January** by an evaluator of your choice. If you need suggestions, please email marykay@eagleschool.org for a list of examiners in the Madison area who have agreed to test EAGLE applicants.



Student Council Corner

Market Day Donations ⇒ Every year, during Market Day, Student Council collects money for charity. This year we have chosen two recipients: Salvation Army and Make-A-Wish Foundation. Student Council members will provide donation envelopes to all of the vendors. If a student chooses to donate a portion of Market Day profits to either organization, s/he should put the money in the envelope, which will be collected toward the end of the event. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Winter Dance ⇒ Student Council will sponsor a middle school dance on Friday, Jan. 15. 5/6-7/8 students can help us narrow down the potential dance themes by voting online at the Student Council website: studentcouncil2015.weebly.com. You may only vote once! Voting will close on Thursday, Dec. 10.

Ugly Sweater Day ⇒ Friday, Dec. 18, is *National Ugly Sweater Day* and EAGLE School will be joining in this very important celebration. Wear your ugly sweaters with pride on this day! They do not have to be holiday-related, just horrendous.



Five Students Receive Their “Wings”

On Nov. 20, during TGIF, five deserving students were honored with first-quarter Wings Awards. We extend our congratulations to the following recipients:

- Citizenship – Wes K.
- Consideration – Emily K.
- Leadership – Theo M.
- Creativity (Fine Arts) – Sean S.
- Creativity (Problem Solving) – Aidan D.



All-School Geography Bee Results

Ten EAGLE students recently competed in the school level competition of the Geography Bee. Congratulations to our winner, Matthew K. (6/7 A), who will move on to represent our school in the next round of the bee. Matthew will complete a written exam that determines eligibility for the state bee. We also congratulate Cayden K. (7/8 B) for placing second and serving as our school's alternate for the next level.



EAGLE Students in Nutcracker

This holiday season, two 5/6 students, Julia V. and Ella W., can be seen in *The Nutcracker Ballet* at Overture Center. You are sure to enjoy Julia in the role of Indian party girl and Ella as a soldier, as they perform in this delightful production, designed for all who are young at heart. *The Nutcracker* runs Dec. 12-27. For details, visit <http://www.overturecenter.org/events/nutcracker>.



EAGLE Students in Holiday Performance

Celebrate a Madison tradition at the Overture Center and see fellow EAGLE classmates Julia A. (6/7 B) and Matthew B. (7/8 B) perform in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Matthew is part of the Youth Ensemble, and Julia is enjoying her second season in the role of “Christmas Past.” Tickets are on sale now for all twelve shows, which run Dec. 12-23. For more information, visit <http://www.overturecenter.org/events/a-christmas-carol>.



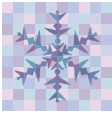
EAGLE Student to Dance in Scotland

Over Thanksgiving weekend, Norah O. (3/4 B) participated in the Mid-America Irish Dance competition in Minneapolis as a soloist. Out of 151 competitors in her age group, she placed among the top eighteen and qualified not only for the national competition in Orlando, but for the World Irish Dancing Competition, which will take place in Scotland over spring break. Congratulations, Norah!



Indoor Winter Farm Market

With the cooler weather here, the Fitchburg Farmers' Market has moved indoors. It is now located in the Fitchburg Community Center (5510 Lacy Road), and runs on Thursdays, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, through December 17. Please continue to support our local market and vendors during these chilly months. Fresh produce, cheese, meats, and baked goods are still available!



Winter Performances 🎵

Student performers are sure to lift your spirits as they share joyful music of the season at these upcoming events:

Madrigal Performance ⇒ Under the direction of Darlene Harper, and with assistance from Janice Lacock, the 4/5s and 5/6s will present a Madrigal Performance **tonight**, at 6:30 PM, in the Auditorium.

Holiday Concert ⇒ Also under the direction of Darlene Harper, the 3/4s, 6/7s, and 7/8s will present a winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 PM, in the Auditorium.

Band/Strings Concert ⇒ EAGLE band students, under the direction of Christine Eckel, and our strings students, under the direction of Laura Mericle and Mark Bridges, will present a winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 6:30 PM, in the Auditorium.



EAGLE Ski Club

EAGLE's Ski Club is gearing up for trips to nearby hills in January. Dan Siehr, our current Ski Club coordinator, needs assistance with trip preparation. If interested and willing to help, contact dg.siehr@sbcglobal.net for more information.



Baby, It's Cold Outside!

We remind students to be prepared for recess and other outdoor activities by dressing appropriately for cold weather (jackets, hats, gloves). If snow is on the ground or in the forecast, please bring boots and snow pants. To protect our carpet from being constantly wet, students who wear boots to school in the morning should change to shoes once they are in the building--shoes for inside, boots for outside.

Parent Visit Days to Begin Next Week

Due to the great deal of interest we've had from prospective Nest parents, we have opened a second Parent Visit Day for families of children who will be entering kindergarten next fall. In addition to the December 10th visit, which is now full, we will host another visit day on Monday, Dec. 14, from 8:30 to 11:00 AM. Throughout the morning, parents will have an opportunity to tour the school, meet with our director and guidance counselors, and observe in classrooms. If you know someone who might want to learn more about our school, and whose child will be in kindergarten in the fall, please share this information with them.

Beginning Jan. 7, ten more visiting days will be offered for prospective families with children entering grades 1-8 in the fall. These dates can be found on the EAGLE website. To register for a Parent Visit Day, interested parents should email marykay@eagleschool.org.



Enjoy a Holiday Food Fight!

Looking for a great gift for that person who has everything? A Food Fight gift card might be just the ticket. Food Fight, a group of Madison restaurants, offers a 10% rebate to non-profit organizations that sell their gift cards. Buying a gift card for that special someone is an easy way to add funds to the school with no extra expense to you. Food Fight gift cards are available for purchase in our Main Office. (Advance notice for large orders is appreciated; email your request to Ann Larget at annlarget@eagleschool.org.) For a complete listing of participating Food Fight restaurants, visit <http://www.foodfightinc.com/>.